

Commander's corner

By Col Tom Deppe

341st Space Wing commander

As you know from attending my commander's calls this week, Malmstrom has a lot on its plate right now. You probably pass at least 10 construction projects on your way to work and if you live on base, there's probably one going on right in your front yard. In addition, we're preparing for several changes of command and retirements on the horizon. There's a lot going on—that's for certain.

The Eubank Evaluation Team was in town last week to take a look at our services operation. Maj Terwilliger and his crew put in long hours to demonstrate the variety and quality of services they provide. I'm sure they were impressed and we'll await the results of the competition with great expectation. One thing we already know, the Eubank Team was particularly impressed by four of our services members: Ann Eddy Tompkins, Ann Katrina Zitka, TSgt Timothy Lopez, and Mr Dan Wilkenson. These individuals earned "Professional Performer" honors during the inspection—great job!

Special thanks to the following individuals from the 341st Communications Squadron for their help in

cleaning our static displays in front of the base museum: A1C Brandon Jacobson, A1C Brandon Kennedy, TSgt Doug Daugherty, TSgt Brad Shaulis, TSgt Jon Lowery, and A1C Steve Blount. Their hard work will go a long way toward ensuring the IG's first impression is extremely positive as they reach our front gate.

In addition to the Eubank Team, Malmstrom welcomed Col Carmody, AFSPC/CE. Col Carmody visited Malmstrom on Wednesday and Thursday of this week to take a look at all of the dirt we're moving around on base. In particular, he was here to investigate the problems we've experienced with a portion of our base housing renovation project. Phase three work has come to a screeching halt due to problems with the contractor. I asked Col Carmody to come up here and put "eyes on target" to give this matter the command-level attention it deserves.

The results of the most recent Technical Sergeant and Master Sergeant promotion boards were released on Thursday. Congratulations to all of our selectees! Malmstrom competed especially well in promotions to Technical Sergeant, beating both the command and Air Force averages.

Today is the June MAC Luncheon. A lot of our downtown supporters will be on base to listen to our guest speaker, Ms Sharon Peterson, State Director for Senator Max Baucus.

Tonight is the Airman Leadership School graduation banquet. I hear they have a great guest speaker. Let's pack the house to celebrate this important step in so many dedicated airmen's careers.

Now I'd like to focus your attention on two key events — the Nuclear Surety Inspection and Operational Readiness Inspection. These two inspections are our license to operate. We cannot screw this up. Our test begins on Monday and my challenge to you is to hit the ground running. We all know about Malmstrom's stellar reputation and strong tradition of excellence. Take pride in our past achievements, but more importantly, take advantage of this opportunity to prove again, without a shadow of doubt, that you are the best! I'll say it again...if you continue to get the job done like you do every day we will do very well in the inspection—because no one performs the nuclear mission as well as we do. Remember the keys to our inspection success: 1) Integrity 2) Courtesy and Attitude 3) Professionalism. Let's just go Whup some Headquarters ass.

Sorry for the short article this week. I promise it will be longer next week as all I have to do is sit at my desk and bite my nails as the inspection unfolds...I'm the only person here who doesn't have a job. You, the great and motivated women and men of the 341st Space Wing, do it all for me. Do your best and good luck.



Courtesy photo

Wax on, wax off

A1Cs Brandon Jacobson, Brandon Kennedy and Steve Bount and TSgts Doug Daugherty, Brad Shaulis and Jon Lowery, all from the 341st Communications Squadron wash the static displays near the base museum.

Wing calendar of events

Today

□ The military affairs committee luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. at Club Malmstrom.

□ The airman leadership school banquet is at 6 p.m. at Club Malmstrom.

Wednesday

Action lines

Kudos: I just want to give a kudo to the post office here. I see them working all the time, sometimes trying to get everyone out, and also one time I went to pay for a package and I forgot to pick up the change. They put it in an envelope and held it until the next day. That shows that they have a lot of integrity and are very honest.

R: The post office on base does nearly half a million dollars worth of transactions a year. With that kind of load, it isn't easy to maintain the friendly, personalized service that the crew demonstrates. They know how important your time

The 341st Comptroller Squadron change-of-command ceremony at 8:30 a.m. at the club.

Thursday

The officer's spouses club luncheon is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Club Malmstrom.

is and do their best to make your trip a short and pleasant experience.

Q: Why are staff sergeants with children living in Lincoln housing when senior airmen with no children live in Capehart and Minuteman Village? It seems like a poor way to boost the morale of enlisted who have served more time.

A: Staff sergeants are still living in Wherry housing because approximately half of the units are designated for E-4 to E-6. Many members opt to move into Wherry units because the waiting time is less than that for other types of housing.

Action Lines

Do you have a comment, suggestion or compliment? The Action Line is here to help.

This forum is open and straight forward. If we've done well, let us know. If, on the other hand, we've dropped the ball, I'll owe up to it.

You can e-mail me at swaction@malmstrom.af.mil or call 731-HELP.

Anonymous calls are reviewed, but not all are published. Callers are encouraged to leave

E-mail: SWACTION@malmstrom.af.mil Voice message: 731-HELP

their name and phone number so we can provide a personal reply.

Remember that the easiest and quickest way to resolve most problems is to call the agency responsible directly or to use your chain of command. Most issues can be taken care of on the spot that way.

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Quick Reference List

Area defense counsel (Capt Kenneth Hobbs)	731-4723
Col Scott Graham (341st Support Group)	731-3791
All AAFES facilities (Stefan Marks) Base chapel	454-1301
(Chaplain (Lt Col) David Cote) Mission support issues	731-3721
(Lt Col Ashley Elder)	731-2036
Child development center (Susan Ritter)	731-2417
Civil engineers (Lt Col Don Gleason)	731-6188
Clinic (SSgt Dave Helgeson)	731-2296
Command chief master sergeant (CMSgt Mark Silliman)	731-3413
Commissary (Dave Woody)	452-6441
Dorm manager (MSgt John Henry)	731-4239
Finance (Lt Col Christopher Tancorelli)	731-4168
Housing office (Dottie Gougherty)	731-3660
Acting inspector general (Lt Col Doug Yates)	731-7120
Law Enforcement (Lt Col Keith Anderson)	731-3042
Legal (Lt Col Joe Treanor)	731-2878
Military equal opportunity (Capt Geis Carlisle)	731-4525
Public affairs (Capt Richard Essary)	731-4050
Retirees activities office (CMSgt retired Jerry O'Reilly)	731-4751
Safety (Lt Col Kirby Shinneman)	731-6712
Services (Maj Thom Terwilliger)	731-4551

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